THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANOBHAI KOTADIA): (a) 36 major and 27 medium on-going irrigation projects of VII plan have been techno-economically appraised and placed before the advisory committee for recommending them to the Planning Commission. Besides, 12 major and 2 medium on-going projects received from the States from time to time are under process of examination with the Central Water Commission.

(b) Compliance of the observations made by the Central appraisal agencies are processed through discussions to expedite the clearance.

Effecting Change in the legal system for providing speedy justice

334. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take necessary steps to effect changes in the present functioning of the legal system so that speedy justice can be provided to the common man at the earliest; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Government propose to make changes in the legal system, particularly in the rural areas, to ensure speedy justice.

(b) The details are being worked out.

Steps to improve the financial and foreign exchange position

335. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being contemplated by Government to improve the financial and foreign exchange position of the country; and

(b) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) The Government is giving the highest priority to curbing inflationary pressures. The steps taken/proposed to be taken in this direction include removing imbalances in the demand and supply of essential commodities, mopping up excess liquidity in the economy and vigorous enforcement of existing laws against hoarding and profiteering. The Government is determined to contain fiscal deficit by appropriate measures to increase revenue and reduce expenditures. Measures taken/proposed to be taken to improve foreign exchange position and improve the external imbalance include efforts to maintain the tempo of export growth and curtail inessential imports.

Development of Tourism

336. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state the new steps that are being considered by Government to develop tourism in the country, especially in the neglected parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): The new steps that are being considered by Government to develop tourism in the country including backward areas are as under:—

(i) identification and development of new travel circuits in the country,

(ii) package of incentives for attracting private investment in the tourism sector,

(iii) introduction of air taxi service.

Role of multinational companies

337. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the role being played by multi-